ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,

PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA,

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCT. 17 AND 18, 1874.

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FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH,
Perry County, Ala., Oct. 17. 1874.

The Cahaba Baptist Association held its fifty-seventh annual session with Fellowship Church, commencing on Saturday, October 17th. 1874. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder I. U. Wilkes.

After a short recess the delegates assembled in the Church, and the Association was called to order by Elder E. B. Teague, the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Elder M. T. Sumner.

The letters were called for and read, and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch.—W. D. Burford, J. C. Hodges, H. C. Thomas, H. T Hood, A. M. Vaughan.

Bethlehem.—I. R. Fountain, W. J. Skinner.

Concord—Elder I. U. Wilkes, B. F. Garrison.

Ephesus.—F. M. Nichols, J. F. Morton, W. J. Hughey.

Friendship.—C. Crocker.

Fellowship.—H. W. Crawford, J. B. Pool and J. A. Gray.

Hopewell.—I. Evans, J. Lee, I. A. Walker.

Macedonia.—W. R. Pool, R. Fulton, R. J. Holston.

Mars Hill.—Elder J. S. Ford, W. R. Martin.

Medline.—G. W. Harrison, B. Miller, B. Harrison.

Mt. Pleasant.—Elder W. A. Bishop.

Mt. Zion.—D. Crews, A. W. Lightsey.

New Hope.—W. O. Stevens, G. B. Simms, W. B. Massingale.

Ocmulgee.—W. C. Monjes, W. O. Perry, G. M. Smith.

Pine Flat.—J. Vanderslice, W. P. Suttle.

Pisgah.—E. W. Garrison.

Pleasant Hill.—C. Tingle, W. Hester, E. Buck.

Sardis.—Elder C. Tubb, J. Crews, R. Tubb.

Seloam.—Elder E. T. Winkler, S. H. Fowlkes, A. Lawson, D. A. Lierson, Porter King, C. C. Huckabee, M. T. Sumner, jr.

Selma.—Elder E. B. Teague, R. C. Keeble and J. W. Hudson.

Union.—H. T. Stringfellow, F. T. May.

Bethel.—R. S. Harris.

Providence.—L. W. Johnson.

An election of officers was the first order of business, resulting in the election of Porter King, Moderator, and J. W. Hudson, Clerk.

Received Correspondence as follows:

Bethel Association.—Letter, and Elder E. F. McGill as Messenger, who was cordially invited to a seat with us.

Tuscaloosa Association.—Letter and Minutes.

A letter was read from Providence Church, Dallas county, Ala., (formerly connected with the Alabama Association), asking for membership in this Association, which was unanimously granted, and the Moderator in behalf of the Association extended the hand of fellowship to Bro. L. W. Johnson, the bearer of the letter and representative of the Church, and extended a cordial welcome to our sister Church through him to all the rights and privileges of this Association.

Bro. M. T. Summer was invited to a seat with us as the representative of the Home Mission Board.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Preaching.—Pastor and Deacons of Fellowship Church with brethren Huckabee, Keeble and J. A. Walker.

On Finance.—L. Johnson, S. H. Fowlkes and J. Lee.

On Domestic Missions.—I. U. Wilkes.

On Temperance.—H. W. Crawford, R. C. Keeble, C. C. Huckabee.

On Memorials.—I. U. Wilkes, E. B. Teague and W. A. Bishop.

Returned Correspondence as follows:

Tuscaloosa Association.—Elder W. A. Bishop, M. E. Buck.

Shelby Association.—Elder E. B. Teague.

Mulberry Association.—W. O. Stevens.

Pine Barron Association.—J. W. Hudson.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Prayer Meeting at 10 A. M. Sunday morning, conducted by Elder W. A. Bishop. Preaching at 11 A. M. by Elder E. T. Winkler; at 2 P. M. by Elder E. B. Teague; at 7½ P. M. by Elder J. L. West.

Short statements were then made by Brethren Bishop and Winkler in reference to the work of Grace in their respective fields of labor.

Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 18, 1874.

Prayer Meeting conducted by Elder W. A. Bishop.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Elder E. T. Winkler from the 3d verse of the 3d chapter of the Gospel by John.

At 2 P. M. by Elder E. B. Teague from the 17th and 18th verses of the 5th chapter of the Epistle of James.

At 7½ P. M. by Elder J. L. West from the 13th verse of the 13th chapter 1st Corinthians.

A collection was taken up after the morning service for Home Missions amounting to $19 90.

MONDAY MORNING, October 19, 1874.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by C. C. Huckabee.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Nomination of Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention as follows: D. A. Pierson, J. P. Harris, G. M. Smith, C. Tingle.

Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Committees:

Report on Education discussed and adopted with the following resolution offered by Elder E. B. Teague:

Resolved, 1*st*. That this Association earnestly approve and endorse an effort proposed by the Trustees of Howard College to endow the President's chair of that Institution.

Resolved, 2*d*. That as an Association we feel the profoundest interest in that feature of the Howard designed to offer economical facilities to young men in the State, looking to the great work of the Christian Ministry.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions discussed and adopted.

Report on Home Missions discussed and adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended that the claims of the "Alabama Baptist," our State organ, might be presented to the Asrociation, which was ably and successfully done by Brethren Keeble and Winkler, which resulted in a number of accessions to the subscription list.

Brother Alfred Lawson was unanimously elected Treasurer of this Association for the ensuing year.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

Report on Temperance discussed and adopted.

Report on Memorials read and after touching and appropriate remarks by Elder I. U. Wilkes, adopted.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention made the following nominations: W. A. Bishop, Jno. Moore, J. W. Morton, T. S. Bowen, W. O. Perry, James M. Waters, R. S. Harris, W. L. Fagan, R. Y. Woods, Lewis Johnson.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: To preach Introductory Sermon at next Association, Elder W. A. Bishop. Alternate, Elder J. S. Ford. At 11 o'clock A. M. on Sunday, Elder E. B. Teague.

Resolved, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet with the Concord Church in Perry county, on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1875.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Association be tendered to the citizens of the community and to

the Church for the kind and liberal hospitality extended to us during the session of the Association.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Education.—Elder W. B. Crumpton.

On Home Missions.—C. C. Huckabee.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder J. L. West.

On Sunday Schools.—R. C. Keeble.

On Temperance.—Elder Carter Tubb.

After singing the parting hymn and prayer by Elder E. B. Teague, the Association adjourned to meet with Concord Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1875.

PORTER KING, *Moderator*.

J. W. HUDSON, *Clerk*.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

That this Association entertains a high appreciation of intellectual culture, is shown by the records of the past. Upon the subject of Education in general, nothing, therefore, need be said.

All we think necessary is to urge more powerfully than ever the importance of sustaining our own denominational institutions of learning. Howard College and the Judson Female Institute have each an able corpse of teachers, and are doing a noble work. But the times demand that their power and influence should be more widely extended. Recent developments warn us that the time for vigorous, united effort in this behalf is at hand. These institutions have reached a very high standard, and offer very superior advantages; and, now, all they need to make them a ruling power in the land is the patronage of the denomination. They need no more; they ask no more; but this much they must have. Let the sons and daughters of Alabama Baptists, who are yearly sent to other Colleges, be gathered from year to year in the Howard and Judson, and these institutions will soon be unsurpassed in point of influence, as they are now unsurpassed in point of merit, by any other of like character in the land. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. WEST, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the great work of Missions we are acting under the Divine Command. He who redeemed us said: "Go into all the world and preach

the Gospel to every creature." The spread of His kingdom, the victories of the cross and the glory of His name is the design of the Mission. The world is the field. "It is white for the harvest." "If there were only one man in the whole world who had never heard of the Saviour, it would be worthy of the combined efforts of heaven and earth to bear to him the glad tidings of Salvation, and yet there are millions sitting in the region and shadow of death." Past success, present prospect and the promises of the Great Head of the Church, all conspire to encourage us to hope for ultimate victory over every opposition. There is no Red Sea before us, and if there were, He who said "Go forward" said "My presence shall go with you." He who said "preach the Gospel to every creature," said "lo I am with you, even to the end of the world;" and the success of the Gospel shows how mindful He has been of His promise.

The Protestant world claims forty-two Missionary Societies representing the Baptist and most, if not every, branch of the Protestant Church. About two thousand Missionaries bearing the glad tidings of great joy—more than eight thousand native preachers, in two hundred and seventy-four languages, unite with them in repeating the story of the cross; and more than three hundred thousand hopeful converts bear witness to its saving power and the pleasing hope it inspires.

The last annual report of Edwin Wortham, the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention shows that there was then in his hands twenty thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars and thirty-four cents for Rome, and fifty-one dollars and twelve cents for Foreign Missions.

The present prospect of Foreign Missions is encouraging. Paganism, almost everywhere, from sunrise to the ocean on the west, is enjoying the light of the Gospel. The idolator of the Ganges, the Savage of the Pacific, the wanderer beneath the Torid Zone, and the Greenlander shivering amid snow and ice have caught the radiance of Redemption's star and with tears of joy are hastening to the Cross.

And prophecy reveals a brighter era for the Church of Christ—the time when all nations shall flow into it, not in drops but with the rush of mighty streams. When the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of the Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BISHOP, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee in presenting a report on this all-important subject, *Assume* 1*st*. That the spirit of the Gospel is essentially the spirit of missions, and vice versa, the spirit of missions is essentially the spirit of the Gospel.

It is the glad tidings of great joy, which is to be made known to *all* people. John the Baptist was sent a Missionary to make ready a people for Christ, the great Missionary to the world, who came pursuant to the divine mission to seek and to save the lost. All the Apostles and early ministers, as well as all true Ministers of the Cross, were and are missionaries, limited in the field of their operation only by the great command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We *Assume* 2*d*. That the "Home Mission" work has in the very nature of things the first claim upon our sympathies, effort and means

The Apostles were required to begin at Jerusalem and to "go, and as ye go, preach." So far from disparaging the work of the Foreign Board we claim that the Home Mission work is the "Base" of that work and that the success of the Home work insures the success of the Foreign work, and a failure in the former will prove a failure in the latter.

In view, therefore, of the vital importance of this work as specially committed to us, we appeal to the hearts and consciences of the two thousand Baptists of this Association for help. Let the wailing Macedonian cry for help—help in the hour of distress—reach your hearts. We kindly and earnestly ask that every Baptist in the Cahaba Association contribute at least ten cents for the Home Mission work, which will give us about two hundred dollars. Respectfully submitted,

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Received for	Home Missions	$63 15
"	" Foreign Missions	8 45
"	" Association Purposes	14 90
"	" Minutes	43 85
"	" Widows' Fund	8 50
"	" China Mission,	1 00
"	" Theological Student Howard College	10 00
"	" Mrs. Hartwell	1 00
	Total	$150 85

NOTE.—During the Associational year the Siloam Church contributed $467 98 for different benevolent objects.

LEWIS JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In making a report on this subject, your Committee deem it unnecessary to detail the evils of intemperance, as they are well-known to all, even the wayfaring. Nor do we deem it necessary to refer to or enumerate the various remedies of the great evil; but would recommend to the several churches composing this Association, the judicious enforcement of Gospel discipline as a means of saving men from the disgrace of drunkenness, and, above all, of having a membership who will be a peculiar people, zealous of good works. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away"—and further, we would recommend the use of discipline with all or any members who engage in the sale of spirituous liquors at wholesale or retail. Respectfully submitted.

H. W. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON MEMORIALS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in the exercise of His Infinite Wisdom, to remove from our midst by death, during the past Associational year, four of our venerable Brethren, viz: Deacons John W. Suttle, James M. Massey, David R. Lide, and Bro. Robert O. Harris, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of this Association, that these Brethren were devoutly pious, and eminently useful in their Master,s vineyard.

Resolved, 2nd. That while we, as a Body, sensibly feel this as a heavy loss, which we are called upon to sustain in the demise of these valued Brethren, we bow, with humble Resignation, to the Sovereign pleasure of Him, Who "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."

Resolved, 3rd. More especially do we feel the severance of the Relation which our Estimable Bro. Lide sustained to this body, he having been its trustworthy and faithful Treasurer for many years.

Resolved, 4th. That while we are grief-smitten and sad under this dispensation of Divine Providence, we rejoice that these aged Saints have done their work, in faithfulness, and have entered into the "Rest that remaineth for the people of God."

Resolved, 5th. That, as an Association, we extend the hand of sympathy to the families of these dear Brethren, and "commend them to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build them up, and to give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Respectfully Submitted,
I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DAVID R. LIDE,
In account with Cahaba Baptist Association.

1873.		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 20.	To cash for Widows' Fund	$15 10	
Nov. 22.	By H. W. Crawford's receipt		$15 10
Oct. 20.	To cash for Minutes	36 50	
" "	By J. Warren Hudson's receipt		36 50
Oct. 20.	To cash for Association purposes	18 00	
" "	By J. Warren Hudson's receipt		18 00
Oct. 20.	To cash for Foreign Missions	12 85	
" "	" " " Sunday School Board	4 65	
		$17 50	
" 24.	By Dr. M. T. Sumner's receipt		17 50
Oct. 20.	To cash for Domestic Missions	37 65	
" "	" " " Indian Missions	6 65	
		$44 30	
" 24.	By Dr. M. T. Sumner's receipt		44 30

Respectfully Submitted,
D. R. LIDE, Treasurer.

BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH.

AS ADOPTED BY THE CAHABA ASSOCIATION.

I. Of the Scriptures.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction: that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter: that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the centre of christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. Of the True God.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which, all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is

every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. Of Justification.—That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we may have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing for time and eternity.

VI. Of Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctified and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of christian assurance;

and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government: that it is holy, just and good: and that the inability, which the scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. Of a Gospel Church. That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—The christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its purifying power; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII. Of the Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be

kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. Of Civil Government.—The civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. Of the Righteous and the Wicked.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching, and that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2.—The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cahaba Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe upon their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all the matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have uniform rules of procedure; for example, if one church commit an offence against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the cases before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not affected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of church discipline, found in the 18th chapter of the gospel by Matthew, and other parts of the Scriptures which define the nature of offences and manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Article 3.—The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 4.—Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: Churches, composed of fifty members, or under, are entitled to send three messengers, and for every fifty members that may be added one additional messenger. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed, shall state the reason to the next session.

Article 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon examination, they be found worthy and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand, in token of christian fellowship.

Article 6.—The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Article 7.—At every session of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

Article 8. The Association shall have power to exclude, from her union, any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

Article 9.—The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Article 10.—Every query sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the Minutes.

Article 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches sent by a particular church, or introduced by motion, shall be taken up and declared on as soon as practicable.

Article 12.—Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches the aid of their ministers, and select members of the Laity, who, in conjunction with the churches, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the gospel among the churches at discretion, which shall be reported to the next Association and entered on the Minutes.

Article 13.—Any church in our union having a preacher, whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all the Presbyteries in ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association.

Article 14. Any church in our union having a minister who may fall into disorder, and who, after all due labor with him, shall continue refractory, should she consider him a fit

subject for excommunication, shall have power to exclude from fellowship, and it shall be the duty of that church, in such a case, to call a Presbytery, and through them demand his credentials. If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship as a private member; but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a Presbytery, who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials; which, if renewed, shall be reported to the next meeting of this Association, and entered upon the Minutes.

Article 15.—The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers, and paid over to the committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order. They shall make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

Article 16.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the Printed Minutes of every session of this body.

Article 17.—The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

Article 18.—The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

Article 19.—The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

Article 20.—Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, where a majority of the members shall decide it necessary.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by L.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.
Antioch	11	4					37	Greensboro	Hale	W. A. Bishop
Bethlehem	40	14	1		2		124	Pinetuckey	Perry	J. M. Heard
Bethel	8						17	Centerville	Bibb	J. S. Ford
Concord	24	1		8		3	145	Radfordsville	Perry	I. U. Wilkes
Ephesus	16	9					92	Pinetuckey	"	Carter Tubb
Fellowship	—			4			97	Morgan Springs	"	J. S. Ford
Friendship	—	1		4	2	1	71	Pinetuckey	"	I. M. Hicks
Hopewell	7	1		1		2	88	Marion	"	J. L. West
Macedonia	13	3	1			1	62	Havana	Hale	W. A. Bishop
Mars Hill	6						64	Marion	Perry	J. M. Heard
Medline				2		3	81	Hardy	Dallas	Wm. Huckabee
Mt. Pleasant	1			3		1	70	Carthage	Hale	W. A. Bishop
Mt. Zion				1		1	49	Centerville	Bibb	I. U. Wilkes
New Hope	29	11	3	11			70	Brush Creek	Perry	Carter Tubb
Newbern	1			7		1	18	Newbern	Hale	J. L. West
Oemulgee				7			87	Summerfield	Dallas	I. U. Wilkes
Pine Flat	8	2		4			44	Perryville	Perry	J. S. Ford
Pisgah	13	9		4	1	2	135	"	"	I. U. Wilkes
Pleasant Hill	8	2		2	1		51	Carthage	Hale	Carter Tubb
Providence							74	Cambridge	Dallas	W. B. Crumpton
Sardis	11	1		6	2		88	Ironville	Perry	Sardis
Siloam	50	6		20		2	273	Marion	"	E. T. Winkler
Selma	9	2	2	4	2	4	183	Selma	Dallas	E. B. Teague
Union	9					4	53	Greensboro	Hale	W. A. Bishop
Total	264	66	5	71	10	25	2083			